

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention is allowable for at least the following reasons where the prior art of record fails to teach where a trigger fluid dispenser (pump sprayer) has extension portions that are connected to a beam as one continuous element so that the beam supports the extension portions where the beam extends from a swinging portion to permit clearance from a hook portion to aid in spraying operations in combination with a trigger pump sprayer. The prior art further fails to teach a suction valve in combination with a trigger pump sprayer that has a first, second and third core elements located in an internal space of a trigger sprayer where the first core element has an internal flow path, the second core element is inserted in the discharge flow path of the internal space and has a valve element that opens and closes and is held in a hollow tube. The discharge flow path further includes a third core element that is within the hollow tube and discharge flow path. The valve element of the third core element functions to close the first hollow tube and is held in a second hollow tube. The prior art of record further fails to teach where an extension portion is in direct abutting contact with a beam that extends from a swinging portion of a trigger to aid in actuating the valve during spraying operations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-9, 11 and 13 are allowed over the prior art.

***Response to Arguments***

**Objection to Specification**

In view of the interview with applicant on 02/21/2008, Examiner is withdrawing the objection to the specification. Applicant has pointed out in where support is located for the subject matter claimed, etc.

**Rejection under 35 USC § 112**

In view of the interview with applicant on 02/21/2008, Examiner is withdrawing the rejection to the Claims held under 35 USC § 112 First Paragraph. Applicant has pointed out in where support is located for the subject matter claimed, etc. within the specification.

Examiner also withdraws the rejection to the Claims held under 35 USC § 112 Second Paragraph in view of Applicant's amendment to Claims 1 and 6 that provides proper antecedence for "a horizontal direction" in line 3 respectively.

**Rejection under 35 USC § 102**

Applicant's arguments, see pages 8-10, filed 02/28/2008, with respect to the rejection of Claims 1, 2, 7-9, 11 and 12 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of Claims 1, 2, 7-9, 11 and 12 held under 35 USC § 102 (b) has been withdrawn in view of the amendment to Claim 1 that changes the language of the tip ends from being supported by the beam to being in direct contact with the beam. As a result, Examiner is withdrawing the rejection to Claims 1, 2, 7-9, 11 and 12.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

The allowed Claims are: 1-9, 11 and 13.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Trevor McGraw whose telephone number is (571) 272-7375. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (2nd & 4th Friday Off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Len Tran can be reached on (571) 272-1184. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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